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1. CONTINUED CHURCH PRESSURE AND MINOR CONCILIATORY
GESTURING BY THE REGIME WILL PROBABLY DOMINATE CHURCH-
STATE RELATIONS DURING 1974. AN ADDED ELEMENT IS THE
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REGIME'S EFFORT TO NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH THE VATICAN,

HIGHLIGHTED BY FOREIGN MINISTER OLSZOWSKI'S PAPAL AUDIENCE LAST NOVEMBER. HOW THIS COMPLEX CHURCH-STATE-VATICAN RELATIONSHIP EVOLVES MAY SIGNIFICANTLY AFFECT AMERICAN POLONIA'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS THE GIEREK REGIME AND THE RECEPTION IT WOULD ACCORD GIEREK IF HE SHOULD VISIT THE UNITED STATES DURING 1974.

2. THE NEXT STEP IN GOP-VATICAN RELATIONS SHOULD BE ARCHBISHOP CASAROLI'S VISIT TO POLAND EARLY IN 1974. CLEARLY, THE REGIME IS TRYING TO USE ITS NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH THE HOLY SEE AS A MEANS OF OUTMANEUVERING THE POLISH CHURCH. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THE VATICAN WILL STAND BY THE ASSURANCES IT HAS REPORTEDLY GIVEN CARDINAL WYSZYNSKI THAT IT WILL DO NOTHING WITHOUT THE LATTER'S APPROVAL. MOREOVER, THE POLISH CHURCH UNDOUBTEDLY HOPES, IN ITS TURN, TO USE THE REGIME'S DESIRE FOR NORMAL RELATIONS WITH THE VATICAN IN ORDER TO IMPROVE ITS POSITION VIS-A-VIS THE GOP. MEANWHILE, THE CHURCH WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS THE STATE DIRECTLY, PROBABLY WITH ONLY LIMITED RESULTS, ON SUCH ISSUES AS PERMISSION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF MORE CHURCHES. ADDITIONALLY, IT WILL CONTINUE TO LOBBY STRONGLY FOR FORMAL RECOGNITION WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF LEGISLATION REFORMING THE NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM, TO BE ENACTED BY 19 5, O THE RIGHT TO CONDUCT CATECHETICAL EDUCATION. CURRENTLY, THE STATE SEEMS IN NO WAY PREPARED TO MEET SUCH A DEMAND. IT MAY WELL SEEK TO PLACATE THE CHURCH IN OTHER AREAS IN ORDER TO ELICIT ITS CONCURRENCE ON NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH THE VATICAN.

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